

MODERNA COVID-19 POST VACCINATION

Patient Information Guide

How does the vaccine work?

The **COVID-19 Vaccine** works by making your immune system think that the virus that causes COVID-19 has entered your body, causing your body to produce an army of molecules called antibodies to stop the infection. **The vaccine has been tested, does not contain live virus, and does not affect or interact with your DNA. It is safe and effective.** You cannot get COVID-19 or full symptoms of COVID-19 from the vaccine. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Drug Authorization (EUA) for the vaccine on December 18th, 2020 for people aged 18 year and older.

What are the steps of getting the vaccine?

You will need 2 separate injections in your arm 4 weeks apart to be fully vaccinated.

Step 1: Get the first dose (today)

Step 2: Wait 4 weeks

Step 3: Get the 2nd dose of the same vaccine

How will I feel after I get the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine, like other vaccines, causes side effects for some people. The most common side effects of the vaccine are mild and usually do not last more than 1–2 days. Redness and/or pain at the injection site is the most common side effect. Side effects are more likely to occur after the 2nd dose of the vaccine. Other side effects are:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Muscle Pain
- Joint Pain

If you have any of the following symptoms, you should alert an officer:

- Fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher
- Symptoms from the above list that last more than 3 days
- Symptoms from the list below are NOT from the vaccine. If you have any of the symptoms listed below, you might have COVID-19 or another infection:
 - » Cough
 - » Shortness of breath
 - » Runny nose
 - » Sore throat
 - » Loss of taste or smell